

What is claimed is:

1. A paper roll dispenser comprising:

a tube having an open upper end through which rolls may be introduced and an open lower end through which dispensed rolls may be retrieved, said tube adapted to hold a plurality of rolls comprising at least a lowermost roll and a roll upwardly adjacent the lowermost roll;

a lever member supported to pivot on the tube and pivotable between a retaining position in which a lower end portion of the lever engages the lowermost roll and an upper end portion of the lever is spaced from said upwardly adjacent roll, and a dispensing position in which the lower end portion of the lever is spaced from the lowermost roll and the upper end portion of the lever engages said upwardly adjacent roll; and

a biasing device biasing said lever from the dispensing position toward the retaining position.

2. The paper roll dispenser as defined in claim 1 wherein the biasing device is a compression spring.

3. The paper roll dispenser as defined in claim 1 wherein the lower end of the lever has an extension extending inwardly toward the axis of the tube, said extension engaging the lowermost roll in the retaining position.

4. The paper roll dispenser as defined in claim 1 wherein the upper end of the lever has an upper end extension extending inwardly toward the axis of the tube, said upper end extension engaging said upwardly adjacent roll in the dispensing position.

5. The paper roll dispenser as defined in claim 1 wherein the tube has a length equivalent to at least three times a length of one of the rolls of paper.

6. The paper roll dispenser as defined in claim 1 further comprising a removable cap attached to the upper end.
7. The paper roll dispenser as defined in claim 1 wherein the tube is at least partially cylindrical in shape.
8. The paper roll dispenser as defined in claim 1 wherein the tube is at least partially polygonal in shape.
9. The paper roll dispenser as defined in claim 1 wherein the dispenser defines a rearward and a frontward portion.
10. The paper roll dispenser as defined in claim 9 wherein the rearward portion further defines two side walls, the side walls extending at substantially right angles to each other.
11. The paper roll dispenser as defined in claim 9 wherein the frontward portion is cylindrical in shape.
12. The paper roll dispenser as defined in claim 1 further comprising a base plate attached to the tube lower end, to arrest the movement of the lowermost roll when dispensed.
13. The paper roll dispenser as defined in claim 1 wherein the dispenser is made of a plastic material.
14. The paper roll dispenser as defined in claim 13 wherein the plastic material is acrylic.